

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Applicant has Claims 13 and 29. Claims 13 and 29 have been amended to overcome the rejection and further specify the embodiments of the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended claims. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claims 10 – 20 and 28 – 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, as allegedly being obvious and unpatentable over Ishida et al. (US Patent 6,069,609), hereinafter Ishida.

Applicant traverses the rejection. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the presently claimed invention, the rejection has been overcome. In particular, the disclosure in Ishida, “the human eye senses flicker when it occurs at low brightness levels”(column 19, lines 7 to 9), does not mean that flicker occurs at low brightness levels rather than high brightness levels, but means that flicker is noticeable at low brightness levels. It is evident from the disclosure of Ishida that flicker occurs at specific levels, such as at the levels 3, 7, 19 and 23, over the 28-shade gray scale of FIG. 18. According to Ishida, weighting is applied at specific levels over the 28 shade gray scale, not “the lower the gradation level, the larger the weighting” (FIG. 19). Ishida discloses that flicker occurs at specific gray-scale levels and hence dithering is applied at these specific gray-scale levels, not only in low but also in high ranges to avoid flicker.

Claim 10 of the present invention requires that “weighting being applied to each dither coefficient, the lower the gradation level, the larger the weighting.” Claim 28 of the present invention requires that “ adding the coefficient signal to the input signal at

gradation levels equal to or lower than a predetermined level," at which gradation is otherwise degraded due to reverse-gamma correction, as disclosed in the specification (page 40, lines 26 to 33). It is respectfully submitted that Ishida does not disclose nor teach any of these features in Claims 10 and 28.

In addition, the amendments in Claims 13 and 29 further specify the relationship between the selector and the adjuster. According to FIG. 17, the dither coefficients selected by the selector 33 and carried by the output pattern signal, as shown in FIGS. 21 and 22, are adjusted by the adjuster 34 so that the sum total of the dither coefficients carried by the output pattern signal is zero, as shown in FIG. 23.

Ishida discloses that the dither pattern generator that generates dither coefficients having the sum total of which may be zero (FIG. 15). However, Ishida does not disclose nor teach a selector to select dither coefficients generated by the dither pattern generator and an adjuster to adjust the selected dither coefficients so that the sum total of the dither coefficients is zero, as required in the presently amended Claims 13 and 29 as well as their dependent claims (page 33, lines 28 to 34).

Therefore, nowhere in prior art has suggestion or incentive to modify Ishida to achieve the invention as currently claimed. One of ordinary skilled in the art would not discern the present invention at the time of its invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 is respectfully requested.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FILED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

Examiner failed to indicate that Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) have been received. Applicant submitted Information Disclosure Statements on February 9, 2000, July 12, 2000 and October 12, 2000, respectively. Submitted herewith are copies of IDS transmittals documents and the related date stamped postcards for Examiner's reference.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY:

Examiner failed to indicate that all certified copies of priority documents have been received. Applicant respectfully submits that all certified copies of priority documents have been submitted on October 12, 1999. Examiner did acknowledge the receipt of the submitted priority documents in the Office Action dated January 28, 2003. Submitted herewith are copies of the front page of each priority document and a copy of the date stamped postcard filed therewith.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

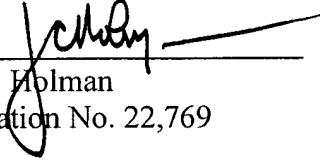
Applicant respectfully requests either a telephonic or an in-person interview should the applicant as presently amended not be in condition for allowance.

Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☒ 49 pp. Specification, including 33 Claims and Abstract
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THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application.

The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in a European Search Report mailed not more than three months

ago in a counterpart European patent application. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

The documents mentioned in the European Search Report and not attached were filed in a prior IDS on July 12, 2000.

Certification in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e) is included herein. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

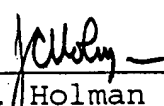
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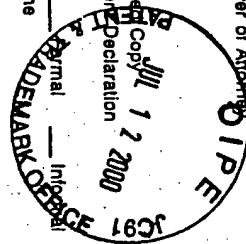

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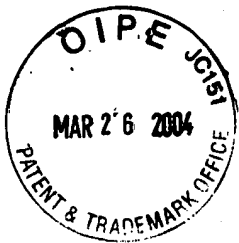
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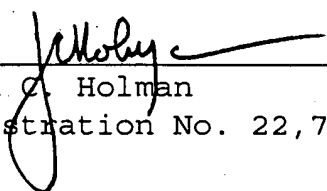
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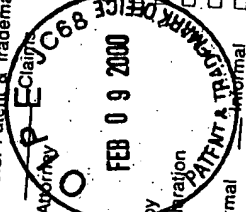
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A complete English translation of Document AL is not readily available; however, an English abstract is attached.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to the non-final office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the above captioned application.

____ Small Entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

____ A verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

____ No additional fee is required.

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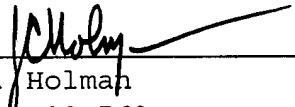
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If a Petition for Extension of Time is necessary and the Petition and/or the check is not enclosed, this will act as the Petition and applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response and charge any fees necessary under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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